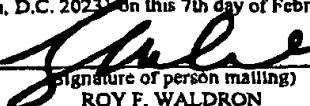


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: R. S. Obach

APPLICATION NO.: 09/528,798

Examiner: S. Jiang

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Group Art Unit: 1617

TITLE: USE OF CYP2D6 INHIBITORS IN
COMBINATION THERAPIES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir: RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is responsive to the Examiner's First Office Action mailed August 14, 2001, a Response to which was due on November 14, 2001. Applicant has submitted herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response by three months up to and including February 14, 2002 and paid the requisite fee. Accordingly, this response is timely. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 2-5, 7-10, 12-13 and 14-22. Amend claim 1. Marked up copy in Appendix.

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1. (Amended) A method of administering a drug for which the major clearance mechanism in humans is CYP2D6 mediated oxidative biotransformation and that is a neurokinin-1 (NK-1) receptor antagonist containing a primary, secondary or tertiary alkylamine moiety, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in combination with a CYP2D6 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to a human in need of the intended pharmaceutical activity of such drug, wherein said drug and said CYP2D6 inhibitor are not the same compound.